

TPS Extension Of Battle Front, Gen. Tells Vets

Declaring that The Parachute School itself was an "extension of the battle front," Brigadier General Robert G. Gaither, Commandant of The Parachute School, told more than 200 returned overseas veterans of the Second Parachute Training Regiment Wednesday that the war depended the complete success of the TPS's mission, which he described as growing daily in importance.

All of the veterans are now, or soon will fill cadre posts, taking over duties of instruction and administration of those who are already being trained into the flow line to the battle fronts. Briefly, he explained, the function of The Parachute School today, the changes which have taken place since the veterans themselves were trainees here, and its present mission.

He emphasized that the veterans were now a part of the school, and as such their jobs were cut out for them. "Every one of you has a vital job in the School," he said, "from coming to instructions to you all down on your job, the machine will slow down, and this will be reflected overseas on the battle lines, where trained men are needed in great numbers. The School is equally as extensive as the battle front."

Colonel Gaither concluded by saying that the increased tempo of training, movement and administration will require long hours of hard work to successfully accomplish the mission. He called upon the returned veterans to carry on their work in the same spirit they showed in the fight overseas.

Colonel George Van Horn Messel, new Commandant of the 2nd Parachute Training Regiment, himself a veteran from overseas where he commanded the 501st Parachute Infantry Regiment, held the rank highest of all of his audience as the most distinguished speaker. He welcomed the veterans to the Second Parachute Training Regiment. Colonel Messel, referring to the general's remarks that the overseas men are now and will fill vital roles in the mission of The Parachute School, adding that, "You are just as much in the war now as you were overseas, and your mission here is just as important as the man in the foxhole overseas." He told the men "you have a high obligation—to set an example of discipline and alertness for the men who are still training here." He concluded by saying that he was greatly impressed by the attitude of the personnel, as well as the many fine improvements at the School during the past two years.

EM Makes Perfect Scholastic Record

For the second time within a few weeks of each other, a man has finished an Enlisted Communication Course with a straight perfect score. This time Pvt. William R. Biersdorf, 22nd Company, First Student Training Regiment, The Infantry School, has the honor of being the first to feel the heat.

Before entering the army in January of this year Private Biersdorf was working as a Link Trainer repair man for the Spokane, Washington, Air Depot. He intends to go to college after the war is over, and is now in his last year in only finished high school before being drafted. He plans to study electrical engineering.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar A. Biersdorf, reside at East 13819 Broadway, Veradale, Washington.

Former Raider Is A 5-Year Veteran At Age of 20

Pvt. William Weissberger of Philadelphia, a former member of Anti-Tank Company, 4th Infantry, School Troops Brigade, is a five-year veteran of the U. S. Army at the age of 20!

Attached to an engineer petroleum distribution company in France, Private Weissberger has been in service since Feb. 15, 1940, when he enlisted under a false age at Fort Logan, Colo. Although only 15 at the time, Weissberger gave his age as 18.

The mistake was rectified last year when he took out his Army insurance papers. He is now overseas.

Morehouse Dean Speaks Tonight

Scheduled speakers for the bi-monthly open forum at the USO Colored Army-Navy YMCA in Columbus, during the month of November will be Dr. W. L. Brazzel, Dean Morehouse College, Atlanta, and Dr. Akiki K. Nyabendo, African prince now serving on the faculty staff of Alabama State Teachers College, Montgomery.

Dean Brazzel will speak this evening at 9 o'clock EWT at the open forum. Noted in the field of social science, the Morehouse educator expects to stress some of the social implications of the growing out of the African world spirit of both soldier and civilians are invited to be present.

Speaker before the then newly organized forum group last spring, Dean Brazzel held the rank highest of his audience as the most distinguished speaker. He welcomed the veterans to the Second Parachute Training Regiment. Colonel Messel, referring to the general's remarks that the overseas men are now and will fill vital roles in the mission of The Parachute School, adding that, "You are just as much in the war now as you were overseas, and your mission here is just as important as the man in the foxhole overseas." He told the men "you have a high obligation—to set an example of discipline and alertness for the men who are still training here." He concluded by saying that he was greatly impressed by the attitude of the personnel, as well as the many fine improvements at the School during the past two years.

AFRICAN PRINCE

Dr. Nyabendo, native African, was educated in this country, and in England. He did his undergraduate work at Clark College, and later took a graduate course at Yale University. He is a fellow of the fellowship at Oxford University, London, England, and during this period organized a chapter of this college Greek-letter society. The chapter of African students enrolled in the various colleges of England.

Dr. Nyabendo is widely known as a lexicographer, and author. Recently he was one of the leaders at the International Conference held at Carnegie Hall, New York City.

His books on African folklore, and customs are used in many of the schools of his native country. He has also conducted researches for the metropolitan press, and magazines since returning to America as an educator. Dr. Nyabendo will speak November 16.

The USO forum was organized during the first of the year with Dr. W. G. McCoo, young Columbus, Ga., physician as chairman and Corporal Lewis O. Swigert, of Fort Banning's Reception Center, as co-chairman. It has become one of the most attractive features of the USO Army-Navy

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Of particular interest to men of Company E of the 4th Infantry, and to many others of the regiment, was the November 3 edition of Yank Magazine, containing the photograph of Sgt. Raymond G. Gutiérrez of Company E, 4th Infantry, School Troops Brigade, decorated hero of action in Italy.

Sgt. Raymond is shown in the vicinity of Agropoli, Italy, September 9, 1943.

At present, Sgt. Gutiérrez is in the Post Hospital receiving treatment for a wound received in action, which he received with the Silver Star and the Purple Heart with three Oak Leaf Clusters.

Promotion of Captain Raymond A. Parkins, chief of the civilian personnel branch at Ft. Benning to the rank of major was announced this week by Brig. Gen. William H. Hobson, post commander.

Native of Greenville, S. C., the 38-year-old major is a graduate of Clemson College, where he played for three years on the college baseball team. After graduation in 1932 he became special agent of the Carolina Life Insurance Company.

He was called to active duty as a second lieutenant on Feb. 25, 1942, and assigned to Ft. Benning with the civilian personnel office of the post's quartermaster.

On Sept. 1, 1942, he was made chief of the newly organized civilian personnel branch.

and has served in that capacity ever since.

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